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My dear Garrison

I send you my
copy of the bible
argument. To
get your sugges-
tions, before going
thoroughly over
it myself.

I have run over
partly the first 24
pages. making

only such alterations
as struck me at the
moment of reading.

From that night
examination, I see,
that much more
can be struck out
with advantage.

While in my
a legitimate and
most trenchant
weapon, yet that

and the "reductio
ad absurdum" are
used so liberally -
- of the most adroit
ly - as to become
Solomon's "dead lie"
"in the Ointment of
the Apothecary"

Upon reading
it over many after
the forty six years -
it strikes me as an
enormous overdose
of that drug - Please
be on the look for
that, as your read -
& let not thine eye
spare -

From the
24th page through
I have only read

parts near the
touching the pencil
~~moving~~ them, but
enough to see that
when I settle to the work
much must go on
board.

Of course the argu-
ment is the chief thing
I am afraid of that
seems to you to limp
you will of course
note it.

From the mid-
dle of the 91st page to
the end of the 98th
is a discussion
upon a point some-
what collateral. Per-
haps, it would be best
to strike out the whole.
Tell me what you think
of it. When you get the
9th will go to Boston & see
what he thinks of it.
affectionately J. D. W.